

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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OLD BRIDGES ON NATIONAL HIGHWAYS IN KERALA
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has conducted any study about the safety of old bridges across National Highways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) the number of bridges in Kerala that is in dilapidated condition at present; and
- (d) the steps taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government to reconstruct these old bridges ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

- (a)&(b) Yes, Sir. The condition survey of all the bridges on National Highways has been carried out. There are 14278 no. of bridges existing on National Highways in India, out of these 2018 no. of bridges are in distressed condition requiring reconstruction.
- (c) There are 23 no. of bridges in distressed condition in Kerala as per the survey.
- (d) The reconstruction of these old bridges is being taken up in various Annual Plans depending upon their condition, inter-se priority and availability of funds.